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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Hiroyuki HAYASHIKAWA et al.

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Examiner T. Nguyen

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RESPONSE

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE FEE FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975.

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 15, 2003, having a three (3) month shortened-statutory period for response set to expire January 15, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows: